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Thirty Three Honored with Service Pins

Service pin awards were presented at the annual Christmas party to the following people. Our congratulations to each one of them.

25-Year Pins

Mary E. Connolly	Laundry
Warren F. Cook	Executive Consultant
Isabel Smith	Dietary
Catherine V. Waters	Administrative Services

20-Year Pins

Ann DeArmon	Solution Room
Mary Flaherty	Laundry

15-Year Pins

Dorothy V. Blanchard	Cancer Research Institute
Ann D. Cotter	Administrative Services

10-Year Pins

Ellen Adams	Personnel
Walter C. Emery	Laundry
Gertrude Kimball	Credit Office
Helen F. Logan	School of Nursing
Mary McManus	Dietary

5-Year Pins

J. Albert Baker	Maintenance
William Ball	Maintenance
W. Clifford Fisher	Purchasing
Helen G. Halloran	Pathology
Dorothy Hancock	School of Nursing
Maria B. Hanlon	Nursing
Artemis V. Kalousdian	Nursing
Frances Lawlor	Housekeeping
Darinda MacArthur	Housekeeping
Martha B. Maher	Nursing
Susan W. Malm	Chemistry
Anne M. McDonald	Pathology
Mary E. McGovern	Dietary
Melva V. Osborne	Nursing
Helen Robinson	Nursing
Elizabeth Ryan	Chemistry
Ruth Schwaibold	Dietary
Gladys Stockwell	Admitting
Josephine Sullivan	Dietary
Sarah Tompkins	Surgery

DR. KAZANJIAN HONORED AT EMERSON COLLEGE

Dr. Varaztad H. Kazanjian was recently honored at Emerson College's 75th Anniversary Banquet. On hand to assist in awarding the citation was Dr. Kazanjian's niece, Arline Francis, the noted television star. The citation read as follows:

"Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts, for notable achievement awards this citation to Dr. Varaztad H. Kazanjian, internationally famous surgeon, whose great ability has been devoted to the rehabilitation of those suffering under the psychological, social, and economic handicaps of defects in speech and appearance."

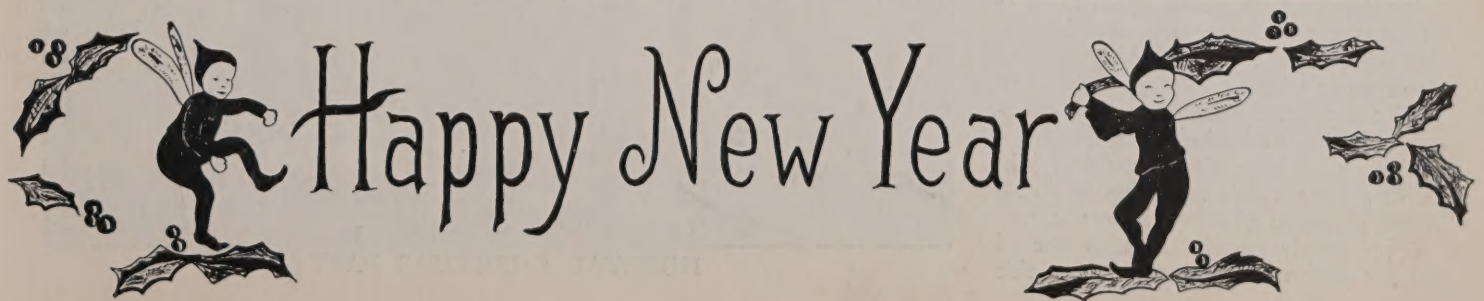
Dr. Kazanjian has been the recipient of many national and international awards, including membership in the Order of Companion St. Michael and St. George, bestowed on him by King George V of England.

RED FEATHER

Final tabulations of our gifts to Red Feather show a total of $4,119.50 from Deaconess Hospital. That means we went over our goal by $619.50. We wish to thank all the employees and doctors for their cooperation in putting us "over the top." And a special thanks to Mrs. Gertrude Jameson, chairman, and all the group representatives for making the drive a success.

BARGAIN SALE OF THE YEAR

The Thrift Shop is offering DRASTIC reductions on all woolen coats and dresses on January 5 and 7. Don't miss this opportunity to buy clothes that are in good condition. They will be sold for exceptionally low prices.



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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

On Christmas Eve as I walked through some of the patient floors I was once again deeply impressed with the atmosphere of our hospital. Many of the patients had gone home earlier in the week, but 169 were too ill to leave and personnel had to remain on duty to care for them and for the emergencies that would be admitted. It meant sacrifices for each employee on duty. It meant Christmas Eve with their families and friends, missing church services, and the group that worked from 11:00 P. M. to 7:00 A. M. would have to sleep most of Christmas Day. Yet no one complained. Everyone had a smile and the effect on both the patients and visitors was apparent.

Our medical staff is internationally known and the patients they bring to us from the four corners of the globe require major surgery and the finest of medical care to restore them to health. Each one of us working in the hospital has a deep responsibility to both the patients and our medical staff. The doctors give the finest in medical care and we as employees must meet the standards they set.

Being hospitalized at Christmas is an unpleasant experience, but I am sure that many of our patients were made a little happier by the cheerfulness of those caring for them. That the "Deaconess Spirit" is more than a phrase is proven by the many letters we receive from patients who write us after they have returned home. In commenting on the care they have received, almost all of them mentioned how impressed they were with the cheerful atmosphere of the hospital and the kindness of the nurses and other employees.

In the year to come approximately 10,000 patients, more than ever before, will come to us for help. Although the Deaconesses who started this hospital in 1896 are gone, the tradition they established for devoted, kindly care has been carried on. I hope all of you will join me in a New Year's resolution to do all in our power to give even better care.

I am deeply grateful to each one of you for your wonderful cooperation this past year and I am proud to be a member of the "Deaconess Family." A very happy New Year to all of you!

R. D. LOWRY,
Executive Director

THE SEVEN AGES OF A NURSE

First, the PROBATIONER, — a lady in waiting. She is a lady by environment, and has little choice in the matter. Her primary function is "to wait". She waits for her uniform, waits for each weekend, waits for her first formal and for Christmas. Finally she gets to wait on patients, and for someone, — anyone, — to call her "Nurse".

The "WHITE CAP" has her cap perched jauntily upon her pretty head. She will never be any cuter than she is during that second six month period. Her main function is to assimilate. She assimilates enormous quantities of food, candy, gum and coke. She assimilates terrific amounts of information, both technical and useless. In this stage she waits for nothing.

The SECOND YEAR STUDENT spouts medical language and discusses cases with the erudition of an M.D. SHE is the backbone of the Hospital and is easily the most serious person in it. She specializes in each field in turn. She may take up "Baby Sitting" as a temporary sideline but her heart is really in "Dietetics" or "Surgery" or "Pediatrics", depending upon her assignment at that moment.

SENIORS are concerned mostly with affiliation, Liberace, and their matrimonial prospects. The longest month in a nurse's life are those just before the paychecks start.

And now the GRADUATE in her new Whites. She is worried about the State Boards, whether to stay or seek greener pastures. Whether to work for a B.S. or a MRS. She is suddenly confronted with the prospect of seven overnights per week and wonders where all the young men have disappeared to. She is appalled with her ignorance following State Board Examinations, but after she passes, she soon becomes confident and capable.

The CRITICAL AGE lasts several years, during which our Nurse loudly condemns everything and everybody connected with the Hospital. Her acidity may or may not be influenced by a reducing diet or the lack of it. But before long she realizes that a Hospital, whether in a new building or improvised in a shed, is as good as its nurses and that the front office has little influence upon the patient's comfort or speed of recovery. The essence of her pledge becomes manifest in her change of attitude, not "How much can I get" but "How much can I give."

Lastly the OLD GRAD, — interested in a bit of chit chat, an occasional discreet fling (away from home) and Godfrey. She is deeply concerned with her current case or her ward. She wears responsibility well, — but obviously. She leaves her work reluctantly and frequently late. She generally arrives early and listens to the reports anxiously. She does her best to improve conditions, but seldom complains. She is an asset to the Hospital, a credit to the profession and

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HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

★ DEACONESS HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 1954 ★

1. Unveiling of Dr. Frank H. Lahey's portrait. 2. Mr. Lowry becomes the new Executive Director. 3. Dedication of the Daniel Fiske Jones Operating Suite. 4. Installation of the 2-million volt x-ray therapy machine. 5. Dr. Robert Oxnam speaks at capping. 6. Graduation exercises. 7. Capping ceremony.

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definitely an angel to her patients. She may not choose to wear her uniform all her life, but she will always be a nurse! If you whimper "Ouch!" within hearing distance her eyes will light up with the flame that she received when she was capped, and her hands, arthritic or not, will be efficient, gentle and full of the healing touch. She may seem like an old crab to the students but all of them would trust her with their lives.

Sorry, — No obituary. Old Nurses never die. They either become Doctor's widows, move to Florida or wish they had.

From *"The Spectator"*, St. Luke's Hospital of New Bedford, Mass.

IN MEMORIAM

Leland Powers, noted Boston trial lawyer and the father of Mrs. Richard Overholt, died at Deaconess Hospital on December 15th following a long illness. A Harvard Law School graduate, class of 1914, he served as a member of the House of Representatives in 1918 and as an Assistant Attorney General in 1919.

Mr. Powers was a trustee of Deaconess Hospital, the Garland School and the Abington Textile Machinery Works. He also was a director of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Standard Rivet Company and the United Electric Controls Company. He was well known as a stamp and coin collector and expert.

The staff and employees of the Hospital take this opportunity to extend sincere sympathy to Mr. Powers' family.

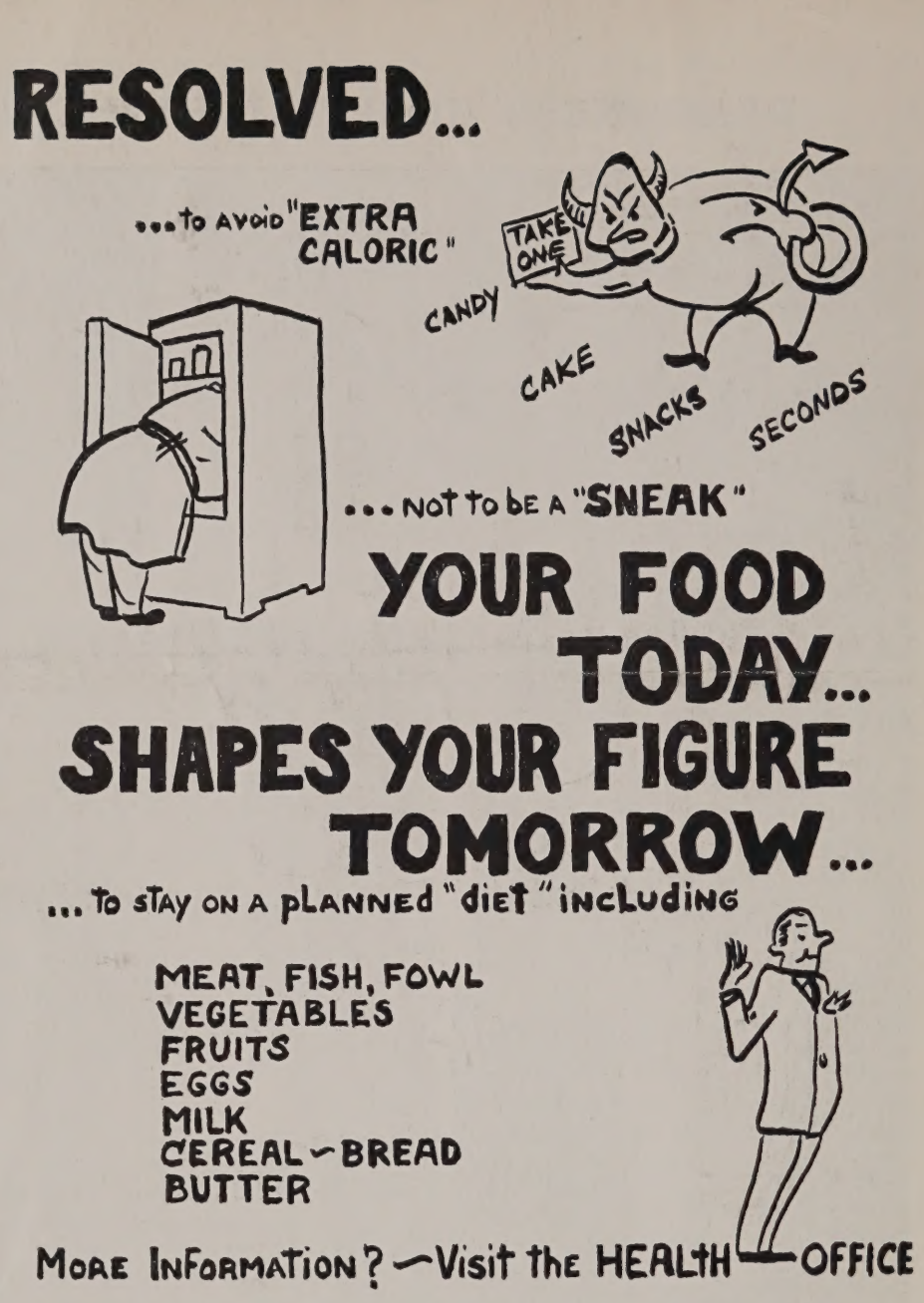
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Congratulations to the Friends of the Deaconess, the student nurses, and the alumni for their very successful bazaar. The cooperation among the three groups resulted in $750 for the new kitchen in Harris Hall. The breakdown of receipts was as follows:

Candy	$45.00
Children's	130.00
Gifts	135.05
Grabs	28.95
Household	62.25
Jewelry	53.40
Thrift	35.00
Food	114.40
White Elephant	66.70
Second Day Sale	69.25
Late Gift	10.00
Total	$750.00

WEDDINGS

Phyllis Ackerley, secretary to Miss Newton, Director of Nursing, to Allan Wirth of Methuen on November 13th. The Wirth's are now living in Concord, California.



Ruth Tipping, assistant to Miss Newton, to W. Henry Maguire on December 17th at the Evangelical Congregational Church in Canton.

Nancy White to Robert Louis Collin of the CRI on November 20th.

Sigrid Hellmer, admitting officer, to Calvin Bernard Geary on November 29th at the Park Street Church. The Geary's are honeymooning in Florida.

Lynda Jane McDonough, '52, to Richard C. Ecklund on November 27th. The couple will live in Norwood, where he is with the Norwood Light Company.

Pauline Pike, '54, to George Edward Bender on December 27th.

Nancy Heywood, hematology technician, to Wyatt L. Meyers, USN on December 11th.

Mary Lamb, hospital volunteer and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb, to Noyes T. Powers on December 18th.

ENGAGEMENTS

Edith Erickson, '54, to Roy D. Fountain. A summer wedding is planned.

Joanne Houle, '57 Junior, to Clayton Sidell of Waterville, Maine.

Jean Twiss, '54, to Arthur F. Goodwin of Hyde Park.

Carol Eleanor Somes, '53, to Morris Samuel Clark. A late spring wedding is planned.

BOWLING SCORES

DECEMBER 15, 1954

Team No.		*Points*
4	Mr. Emery	32
6	Mr. Fisher	31
7	Mr. Lowry	29
2	Mr. Nelson	27
8	Mr. Spalding	26
3	Mr. Sabine	26
5	Mr. Osgood	20
9	Mr. Bettinelli	17
1	Miss Tipping	18
10	Mrs. Brooks	16